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AlertOC

BE ON ALERT with AlertOC! Register your mobile phone and email with Orange County's mass notification system to receive time-sensitive information about a local or regional emergency. All Lake Forest landlines (listed and unlisted) will be automatically called during an emergency. Alert OC allows residents and businesses to register other communication methods to assure that they are getting pertinent and instantaneous information. This is especially useful for individuals who use a cell phone as a sole source of contact. The system releases messages from the 911 emergency database in the form of a recorded voice, email or text message.

Register online at www.city-lakeforest.com. Be sure to update your contact information if you move or change your phone number. For more information and frequently asked questions, please visit www.AlertOC.com or contact Jim Wren, Public Safety Manager at (949) 282-5215.



Quick Tips:

Always Be Prepared for an Emergency

- Know the best escape routes from your home
- Have a first-aid kit and emergency supplies available (including adequate water supply)
- Pick a place to meet after an emergency
- Prepare and update emergency information cards for all family members
- Plan for your pets: emergency packs, identification, and shelters

CITY MANAGER'S

Message

Conservative fiscal management are not just buzz words for Lake Forest. Since incorporation, the City Council has prudently managed finances and carefully built up reserves. We

have lived within our means and continue to be in excellent financial health.

Like cities nationwide, we are feeling the effects of the economy. The City's operating expenses will be adjusted to ensure expenses continue to run below revenues, as has been the case in each year of the City's 18-year history.

The new Sports Park and traffic congestion relief projects, among others, are continuing at this point as planned. These projects are funded by the Capital Improvements Project Fund, which has been carefully built up over time to be used for projects the community has deemed important.

As you will read in the Traffic Improvements Update section (see right), the Alton Parkway Extension Project is continuing to move forward. A Master Plan for the Sports Park and Community Center is underway. Sports Park amenities under consideration are potential lighted ball fields/soccer fields, basketball and volleyball courts, along with group picnic areas and playgrounds. A Community Center at the sports park complex could feature an indoor gymnasium for basketball and volleyball courts, physical activity room, and multi-purpose rooms; environmental impact assessments of potential use is underway now. There will be many opportunities to share your input on these projects in upcoming months, so stay tuned for announcements.

Sincerely,

Robert C. Dunek

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City Manager

Say Goodbye to the Gap: Alton Parkway Extension Project

Project plans have been approved and a date has been set for construction bids for the first phase of the Alton Parkway Extension Project. The \$28 million dollar construction project will extend Alton Parkway between Irvine Boulevard and Commercentre Drive to close a portion of an existing roadway gap. This County of Orange project is expected to reduce existing traffic congestion and accommodate future traffic volumes. "The City of Lake Forest understands the significance of this arterial highway improvement and the traffic benefits they represent," said Bob Woodings, Director of Public Works/City Engineer.

The next phase of the project, completing Alton Parkway from Commercentre Drive to Town Centre Drive, is anticipated to begin after the County completes the first phase. The City is working with Shea/Baker Ranch Associates, who is responsible for building this road segment, to keep the project moving forward.

The County anticipates awarding the Phase 1 construction contract in June, to be followed by an estimated 12 month construction period. For more information contact OC Public Works at (714) 834-2300 or visit www.ocpublicworks.com.

**Traffic
Improvements
Update**

DON'T BE A TARGET!

Use the 3Ds of Crime Prevention



A professional burglar can outwit any lock, alarm system, window or door on the market. In 99% of burglaries, it is not a professional thief, but someone looking for items to sell for quick cash. Decrease your chance of being burglarized by applying the 3 D's of protection: deterrence, delay and detection.

Deterrence

Locks are the best defense mechanisms for your car and home. Leaving doors and windows unlocked, or valuables left in plain sight, are equivalent to leaving an "Open House" sign for everyone to see! "By making sure doors are locked, a significant number of these crimes would be prevented," says Lt. Don Barnes.

Delay

Good home security will slow a burglar down. They will not waste time or expose their intentions for long if they can not find an easy target.

Detection

An alarm system covering the perimeter (doors and windows) and the interior (motion detectors) of your home, and a good Neighborhood Watch program are some of your best protectors.

For more information, contact Kirsten Rowe, Crime Prevention Specialist at 461-3546.

Most home burglaries occur between 9 am and 2 pm whereas most vehicle burglaries occur between 11 pm and 4 am. Call the Sheriff's Department at 770-6011 to report any suspicious activity!





Get the latest information on projects coming to your neighborhood

Enter the Cone Zone

The City's website www.city-lakeforest.com now features a traffic cone icon on the homepage. Simply click on the cone to find out about City construction projects, such as:

- **Park Improvements**

The City is upgrading several parks with new play equipment designed for all ages, including those with special needs, new picnic and gazebo areas, and more. Parks undergoing renovations are Alton Park, Borrego Park, Foothill Ranch Park and Ranchwood Community Park.

- **Storm Drain Improvements**

Storm drain improvements were recently completed along Lake Forest Drive to provide a slotted drain system and catch basins to reduce flooding that typically occurs during heavy rain. Now water flows away from the number one travel lane and into the new storm drain system, reducing flooding and increasing traffic safety.

We encourage residents to learn about recent improvements to our streets, parks and other City-wide projects. Enter the "Cone Zone" on our website to learn more!



Govpopulous is Here to Help!

Govpopulous is a convenient request and comment system on the City's website that facilitates timely communication between you and the City. The system is accessible 24-hours a day and contains instant answers about city-related issues. If you have a specific question, send a request through the system and City staff will respond within three business days. You may also choose a preferred method of contact such as phone, email or a written letter.

Register online today!

www.city-lakeforest.com/govpopulous



Don't forget to vote!

Statewide Special Election Tuesday, May 19, 2009

Confirm your voting location by contacting the Orange County Registrar of Voters office. To volunteer at any polling location, visit www.ocvote.com and submit a volunteer application. For more information, contact the Registrar of Voters office at (714) 567-7600.



*Reduce
Reuse
Recycle*

Lake Forest Residents Exceed Recycling Goal

In 2007, Lake Forest residents produced 6.8 pounds of solid waste per day, well below the 10.6 pound maximum baseline set by the California Integrated Waste Management Board. This is equivalent to a total of 68% solid waste diversion. What does this mean? Lake Forest is exceeding its recycling goals!

Recycling goals help reduce the flow of trash into our local landfills. Reducing waste in our landfills prolongs their operational lifetime, limits the chance of groundwater and soil contamination, and allows more materials like paper, plastic and aluminum to be reused. For more information on how to reduce your waste, visit www.city-lakeforest.com/recycling or call Public Works at 461-3482.

Splish, splash!

The ABC's of pool safety

*Warm weather is upon us and that means poolside fun! Here are essential pool safety tips that will keep you and your family safe this season. For more information on pool safety, visit **www.ocfa.org**. To register for CPR classes, visit **www.city-lakeforest.com/rec_registration** or contact Community Services at 461-3450.*

A Adult Supervision

- Never leave children in or around a pool unattended – not even for a second.
- Remove children from swimming pool/spa area during distractions such as a phone call or use of restroom.
- Do not rely on flotation devices. They should not be used as a substitute for adult supervision.
- Post pool address and emergency number.

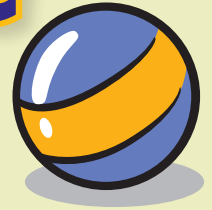
B Barriers

- Install and maintain proper fencing around the pool to isolate your swimming area from the home and play area.
- Use multiple layers of protection such as safety covers, gate alarms, door alarms and motion-detection devices.
- Make sure all gates are self-closing, self-latching and open outward away from the pool.
- All objects that allow a child to climb up to reach the gate latch or climb over the fence should be removed or kept inside the fenced area.

C CPR Classes

- Learn CPR, first aid and rescue techniques. CPR classes start May 6 at Lake Forest City Hall.
- Keep rescue equipment such as a shepherd's hook, life-saving ring and CPR sign mounted by the pool.

New OC Animal Care Online Services!



Orange County Animal Care offers "online" features that provide convenience to pet owners, help enforce the law, and promote responsible pet ownership.

Pet licensing is now just a click away. Pet owners can register and pay license fees from the comfort of their home. Go to **www.ocpetinfo.com** and locate "Pet Licensing" on the homepage.

All dogs over 4 months are required by law to be licensed with OCAC. "Ninety-seven percent of licensed animals that come into the shelter are returned home," said Ryan Drabek, OC Animal Care Administrative Manager. "We are promoting this as a convenience, but it is also the law."

A second online feature is a printable list of local low-cost spay/ neuter veterinarians throughout Orange County. Spaying or neutering your animals is good for both you and your animal. It helps pets live longer, healthier lives because it reduces their chances of contracting various reproductive cancers or being unnecessarily aggressive. The licensing fee for unaltered dogs is \$100 versus \$24

for those that are spayed or neutered.

Last year there were over 11,500 successful adoptions of dogs, cats and other animals from OC Animal Care. Visit **www.ocpetinfo.com** for information about available animals that are in need of a warm and loving home.

SAVE THE DATE

OCAC Annual Pet Fair

Saturday, June 27, 2009

Adoptions, state-of-the-art pet supplies, and more! For more information call 249-5160.





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Building Division 461-3470
Building Inspection 461-3468
City Clerk 461-3420
City Council 461-3420
City Manager's Office . . . 461-3410
Community
Policing Center 461-3530
Employment Hotline . . . 461-3418
Etnies Skatepark 916-5871
Graffiti Hotline 461-3583
Planning 461-3472
Public Works 461-3480
Recreation 461-3450
Redevelopment 461-3567

IMPORTANT CITY WEBSITES

City
www.city-lakeforest.com
Lake Forest Redevelopment Agency
www.thearbor.info
Etnies Skatepark of Lake Forest
www.etniesskateparkoflakeforest.com



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"EXPAND THE FOREST"

The Expand the Forest program allows members of the community to dedicate trees in memory of departed loved ones or to commemorate special occasions while encouraging the expansion of our urban forest. Trees are \$70 and are planted and maintained by the City. There are eight different species of approved trees which may be planted in almost any public property location, including City parks and green belts.



*For more information, please call the
Public Works Department at 461-3480.*

SPONSORS	TREE SPECIES	LOCATION	DEDICATION
The Beck and Lezay Families	Coast Live Oak	Tamarisk Park	Honoring Garnett W. T. Cass, Loving Mother, Grandmother, and Great Grandmother
The Finley Family	California Sycamore	Borrego Overlook Park	This Tree is Dedicated to Justin Cummings
Judy Carter, Therese Cheevers, Marie Kilby, Sue Moussavi, Susie Riegelsberger, Tonette Taylor	California Sycamore	Foothill Ranch Community Park	In Loving Memory of Jess Acciacca
The Mueller Family	California Sycamore	Alton Park	Connie Roessner

Fair Housing Opportunity Is The Law



The City of Lake Forest is committed to furthering fair housing practices in the community. If you or someone you know has a fair housing question or issue that needs to be addressed, please call the City's Housing Manager at 461-3471. The City cooperates with the Fair Housing Council of Orange County to eliminate discriminatory practices countywide.

An impediment to fair housing opportunity is any policy or practice that denies or adversely affects the provision of housing to a person in any protected class.